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Welcome to the Ufford PUNCH

From the Editor

Welcome to the 329th edition of the PUNCH which celebrates the coming of summer and a once in a lifetime experience when the Northern Lights - or Aurora Borealis - made a startling appearance over Ufford. Local resident Kit Thomas' girlfriend Holly Baldock captured a haunting image that showcases the spirit of the phenomenon against St Mary of the Assumption Church. It has been digitised by Paula Hill to produce a uniquely Ufford PUNCH front cover.

The last month in the village has been very British weather-wise - it has brought a bit of everything. It began with a biblical storm that carried away the marquee at the White Lion just as the pub geared up for a new open-air season. Fortunately, a few phone calls ensured a replacement was sourced in record time, allowing the memorial service tea for long-term resident Dorothy Whymark to go-ahead.

The new marquee is obviously vital to the success of our Summer Ball, which is on Saturday June 22nd and will support three of Nick Apperley's Motor Neurone Disease charities. The menu is on the White Lion advert page 19, and tickets cost £65 each with £25 going directly to the MND charities. Tickets are now LIVE and available from the White Lion pub. If you have reserved a ticket or table please pay NOW. Tables are for eight so book a whole one, share with friends or take a lucky dip. As a prelude, come along to the Ufford Crown at 9am on Sunday June 9th to support Nick and his team who are starting a seven day bike ride from the village to Nick's native Cornwall. They expect to cover over 400 miles to raise even more money.

There is the normal dollop of local history for you buffs, including a fascinating glimpse into the life of renowned British art dealer and debutant Eila Grahame, who made Thatched Cottage in Church Lane a life-long bolt hole from work in London. We also reflect on the 80th anniversary of D-Day, June 6th 1944, with three personal stories of heroes linked to Ufford, including Pauline Green, whose late husband Roy was on the cruiser HMS Arethusa off the beaches on that fateful day. It's a reminder that the epic invasion that led to the defeat of the Nazis is within living memory.

The secretive and reclusive Ufford theatre critic Jed Leland is back with his take on the second offering from Oooh Aaah Events, who brought the highly acclaimed one-man show *Old Herbaceous* to a packed St Mary's Parish Hall on Saturday April 27th. As a twist, the star of the show Giles Shenton gives his view of YOU as an audience. The third show has already been booked so please keep Saturday 19th October free. More details later.

The news content continues to grow in the PUNCH and the editorial team would like to thank you for keeping us in touch with your titbits (those of a certain age will know). This month we cover open days at Old Melton Church, charity success at the London Marathon and a handover of responsibilities on the Book Exchange, among other breaking stories. Please email submissions@uffordpunch.org.uk if you have any hot news. In this context, the biggest sporting news in recent memory has made a lot of villagers very happy. I refer, of course, to Ipswich Town FC being promoted to the Premier League. Tractor Boys, we at the PUNCH salute you.

Andy Gardner

Have You Heard It on the PUNCHLine?

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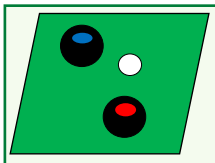

UFFORD CARPET BOWLS CLUB

Di Fulcher reports Bob Wright won the singles cup this year and John Bygrave was runner up. The score was 4-3.

Ann Sayer, a former club member, came to present the cups. It was really nice to see her again.

The Bee Keeping Group would like to support anyone needing a swarm collected in the local area. Please contact Tig Thomas at tig.thomas@bt internet.com or 07710 882559.

St Elizabeth Hospice Ufford Open Gardens

Eight Ufford residents have generously agreed to open their gardens on Sunday 9th June from 1pm to 5:30pm for the St Elizabeth Hospice. Entry tickets are available from 1:00pm on the day from St Mary's Church Hall for £7.50 per person. This includes a list and map of the open gardens, tea and cake. Give them your support.

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Melton Primary School

Melton Primary School are having a Community Open Morning on 11th June from 9:30 am to 11:30 am.

Current families, prospective families and members of the local community are all invited to see the facilities and activities at the school, including refurbished classrooms.

FUNDS RAISED

The Ufford Gardening Club Annual Plant and Seed Sale on Saturday 18th May raised £550 for three MND Charities and Realise Futures. Well done, Ufford!

AN APOLOGY FOR AN ERROR

Gina Smith wrote to tell us our cut-out-and-keep farm map in the April issue wrongly allocated Crown Farm, owned by her family, to John Fleming. Here is the corrected detail, showing the area belonging to John in green and the area owned by the Smiths in red. We have updated the original in case we reprint the map at some future date. Copies of that corrected map can be requested at: editor@uffordpunch.org.uk.

STOP PRESS

The Cadent Gas Ltd Community Hall Event about the proposed Ufford High Street gas pipeline replacement took place as this PUNCH was going to press. Given the several authorities involved , it is unclear if there will be changes to the current plan to close the High Street for twelve weeks. The PUNCHLine will report all developments as they occur. If you are not already a subscriber to the Ufford PUNCHLine, we recommend it to you. See page 3 for joining details.

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Ufford Parish Council News

D-Day 1944 – What part did your relative play?

Following our article in the February 2024 PUNCH, a decision has been taken not to hold a separate D-Day Anniversary Commemoration Event in Ufford. Instead, we would like to encourage you to support the event in Woodbridge. The Royal British Legion will be hosting a D-Day 80th Anniversary Parade and Fete at Elmhurst Park, from 1.00pm.

However, what we would like to do is to capture memories of the part our relatives played in the event. Was your parent, grandparent or even great-grandparent involved in D-Day in 1944?

Our Clerk's Grandfather, Corporal Robert Rixon was a Royal Engineer and was part of the team who erected the Mulberry Harbour and Bailey Bridges. He landed on D-Day +2, after being at sea for two days. The Mulberry Harbours were two temporary portable structures developed by the British Admiralty and War Office to facilitate the rapid offloading of cargo onto beaches during the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. The Mulberry B harbour at Gold Beach was used for 10 months after D-Day, and over 2.5 million men, 500,000 vehicles, and 4 million tons of supplies were landed before it was fully decommissioned (source: Wikipedia)

Our Chair's father, Derek Findley (seen pictured here at Larkhill Royal Artillery HQ on the 70th anniversary of D-Day) served in the Royal Artillery during the Second World War and was in the British Expeditionary Force in France before being evacuated from Dunkirk in 1940. At D-Day, his unit in the 9th (Irish) Field Battery of the 7th Field Regiment Royal Artillery were in first wave of troops and armoured equipment to land on Queen Beach on D-Day. His landing craft had been specially adapted to carry modified Sherman tanks with artillery guns capable of firing three rounds per minute. His LCT (Landing Craft Tank) was involved in the "Run-In Shoot" where ranging shots were fired over the heads of the smaller landing craft to set range for all the artillery guns to fire prior to the actual landing on the beaches.

Here is how he described the experience in a local Dorset newspaper in 2017. After a rough crossing on the morning of 6th June 1944, First Lieutenant Findley found himself in the center of the convoy of landing craft tanks heading for France. *"At 6.40 am, two of my guns were required to fire the first two ranging rounds. The directing officer ordered "Fire" and I gave the order to my two guns. Away went the shots. It wasn't until later I was told they were some of the first shots to be fired at the Normandy beaches."*

D-Day Hero Roy Green Saw the Carnage of Battle Close Up

Roy Green was just 19 when the cruiser HMS Arethusa arrived off Sword Beach on D-Day to bombard the shoreline as the first wave of attackers landed. A pupil of Berkhamsted public school in Hertfordshire he had joined as an ordinary sailor the year before and trained at Devonport, specialising in signals.

The Captain of the 5,220 tonne vessel told the men in a 3am address that they would be the first fighting ship off the beaches.

Roy's widow Pauline remembers: "Roy told me the captain said they had the 'honour' of being the first and when he dismissed them one of the crew said 'that's an honour I could do without.'"

The longest day ended with Roy and his comrades collecting the bodies of Allied soldiers from the bloodied beaches. Pauline, 95, told the PUNCH: "Roy told me that at the end of the day they were told to go on the beach and collect bodies or bits of bodies. They also collected dead men from the sea. They were dodging bullets and collecting the bodies to take back to the ship. It was pretty horrible."

On 6th June 1944, D-Day, Arethusa took part in the bombardment of Sword Beach and engaged German destroyers from Le Havre. On the 16th June 1944, the 6-inch gun cruiser embarked King George VI and the UK Chief of Staff for a visit to the Normandy Invasion Beaches. On the 24th June she came under air attack and a magnetic mine caused extensive damage. Roy was in the ship's mess at the time. Pauline, who lives at Carousel in Lower Road, Ufford, said: "They locked the water-tight doors and if the ship had gone down he would have drowned."

Roy left the damaged cruiser for HMS Liverpool later and finished his wartime service in 1945.

Every year the couple would remember lost friends at a church service on the anniversary of D-Day.

Roy died aged 80 in 2005.

Andy Gardner

Sarah Battles through Injury to Raise £2,182 Running the London Marathon

Six months of training paid off for Sarah Godfrey when she completed the London Marathon in an impressive five hours 45 minutes and 16 seconds on Sunday the 21st April - so far raising £2,182 for MacMillan Cancer.

Sarah completed the feat despite suffering some significant injuries during her training, which meant she had to set aside plans to go for a personal best and instead just enjoy the experience.

Sarah, 48, a teaching assistant who lives with husband Marvyn near Byng Brook bridge, said: "I was originally aiming for a specific finish time, but had to change my training regime as I had sustained some prior injuries.

"I'd had a fall resulting in a tilted pelvis, which had a knock on effect to my lower back, hips and knees (thank goodness for Kinesiology Tape).

"At this point I wasn't putting myself under pressure for a finish time, I was just planning to get around, enjoy the experience and raise money for a charity close to my, and many others, heart.

"There were many emotional and overwhelming moments. The crowd were amazingly supportive, cheering, drumming, playing music etc, they certainly carry you through!"

If you would still like to donate to Sarah and MacMillan Cancer go to:
https://www.justgiving.com/page/sarah-godfrey-lm24

Andy Gardner

Nick Gears Up for an Epic Bike Ride for Motor Neuron Disease Charities

Max, Nick, Polly and Jill

The team behind Nick Apperley's epic 444-mile cycle ride from Ufford to Sennen in Cornwall, in aid of three Motor Neuron Disease Charities, would love to channel your inner Best British Bake-Off vibes to help feed the challenge.

Nick will be at the front of the large group of riders who pedal away from **The Ufford Crown at 9am on Sunday, 9th June**, on their way to their first stop, Saffron Walden in Essex, a distance of more than 60 miles.

The fundraisers aim to complete this first day's ride - day one of seven - in around six hours. They hope the village will rev up their ovens to bake some nutritious snacks in the days before the event, so they have a good supply of energy boosting eats.

Jill Apperley, Nick's wife, told the PUNCH, "It would be fantastic if people are willing to bake and donate tasty treats that can easily be transported and provide a positive energy boost.

"These could be cookies, flapjacks, cakes or other tray baked items . It would be helpful to receive these donations in the days leading up to the bike ride. I'm willing to collect them or they can be dropped off at our house."

Jill would be happy to accept foodie gifts during the week commencing Monday 3rd June. Please email her via Nick at: nick-domorein24@gmail.com.

The request for edible energy boosters is just one thing on the long list of requirements that need to be ticked off to ensure that the challenge goes smoothly. Others have included booking hotels and restaurants.

Nick has been profoundly moved and uplifted by the support he has received from Ufford and beyond, including friend William Catchpole who will be driving an ex-RAC recovery van which has been loaned and converted into a support vehicle.

Nick and Jill will be joined on the cycle by their sons, Joshua and Harry, who were both born and brought up in Ufford as the Apperleys moved into the village in 1987.

Each rider or support helper will pay their own expenses to ensure that every penny raised goes straight to the chosen charities: MND Association, Challenging MND and MyName'5 Doddie Foundation.

Nick said, "Having had my diagnosis, I know how difficult it is for people who have MND. In thirty years of research, only one drug (Riluzole) is available and, unfortunately, it has very little effect on slowing the development of the disease.

I am very keen to make a difference to the MND community as ongoing research is desperately needed to find treatments and ultimately a cure for this dreadful disease. I am aiming to raise £50,000, which will be split evenly between the three MND charities. My mission is to ride as much as possible on every day of the seven-day event."

The riders will be sporting specially made cycle jerseys emblazoned with a logo designed by local artist Alex Ayliffe, who has put together a host of artwork, including a brilliant banner. Close friends of the family, and Ufford residents, Des and Liz Kerridge of Effective Advertising Gifts, are kindly producing and donating Suffolk to Sennen polo shirts.

The ride, which has been planned on Strava, will be on minor roads. The route may be accessed via https://www.strava.com/routes/3192461524675498844.

There is still time to support Nick and his amazing team. If you would like to sponsor or donate, go to:

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If you are interested in joining the charity cycle in Ufford, or supporting it at any stage on route, please email Nick at: nickdomorein24@gmail.com.

Nick told the PUNCH: "Jill and I have been overwhelmed by the support and love from the people of Ufford and the wider community. We are very grateful to everyone, thank you very much."

The PUNCH will bring you a report and pictures of the epic ride from Suffolk to Sennen in the July edition.

Andy Gardner

The Lady from London Who Loved Thatched Cottage

Iconic British art dealer Eila Grahame of Claverhouse - 2nd October 1935 to the 25th November 2009 - made her rural life in Suffolk and is buried beside St Mary of the Assumption Church.

Born in London, Eila was proud of her descent from the Grahams of Duntrune and Claverhouse. Her love of Suffolk began as a child when she, along with older brother Iain, was sent to live with their aristocratic uncle, Captain Denis Wigan and his wife, at Loudham Hall, Pettistree, after their mother was killed in September 1940 - the result of a war-time bomb falling on their garden in Chobham, Surrey.

Photo courtesy of Wikipedia

Eila was educated firstly at home at Loudham Hall, and then at Downe House in Berkshire. Her "coming out" Ball in 1953 was held in Chelsea where she danced the night away to Humphrey Lyttelton and his jazz band.

Eila was by now living in Holland Park and began a series of "suitable" jobs firstly working in Harrods Food Hall then moving on to the auction house Spink in St. James, where she discovered she had an eye for, and a love of, antiques. She became an independent "runner" opening her own shop at 97 Kensington Church Street in 1969.

A lover of designer clothes and good food - she did not cook and her favourite restaurant was the old Connaught Hotel dining room. Her shop was described as a "Mecca for curators and collectors alike" and she became a port of call for the increasing number of people who delighted in her gift for finding the unusual.

She was by all accounts a formidable character with a keen eye for quality and the unique, reportedly refusing to sell to anyone she did not like. Her collection included famous Wrotham pottery dating back to 1676, beautiful glassware, primitive paintings, botanical drawings, as well as exotic collector's items and the studies of shells and oyster shells in watercolour by Jean-Baptiste Menard.

Church Lane's Jeremy Eyres has fond memories. He said: "Eila, our delightful neighbour, would arrive by taxi for long weekends, sometimes with friends and clearly loved her beautiful cottage, spectacular garden and the peace and quiet of Ufford.

"Eila's artistry shone through in her garden which was beautifully maintained by Jack Raven who also lived in Church Lane." This, he remembers, included a front garden full of flowers that attracted local artists like bees to honey.

After her death, aged 74, a signed and dated two-sided pencil sketch by Alberto Giacometti was discovered by auction house Cheffins staff whilst clearing out her shop - buried beneath papers, furniture and frames. Martin Millard, Director of Fine Art at Cheffins, said in a statement that he was surprised to find the Giacometti amongst Grahame's assets but he also "knew that anything from her collection was likely to hold some significant value."

He added: "Obviously we had to go through the official authentication process and after contacting Fondation Giacometti in Paris they confirmed the sketch was by the Swiss artist and it eventually sold for £130,000".

Also found was a cartoon sketch and signed book cover by Picasso sold to Eila by Picasso's muse Sylvette who had received it from Picasso as a wedding gift in 1956.

A legacy from her estate was shared by the Art Fund and the Church of St Mary of the Assumption here in Ufford, and faithful to her Scottish roots she left her own wonderful collection of pre-1700 British glass and pottery to a permanent collection in Scotland.

Photo by Alex Bennett

Alex Bennett

Editor's Note: Eila's Thatched Cottage was renamed Church Cottage and is now owned by Helen and Douglas Paxton.

The Ufford Almshouses – Open House

On **Tuesday 25th June** the Trustees of the Ufford Almshouses will be hosting an Open House Afternoon. The extension and refurbishment work has been a three-year project, with eleven months of construction work, and before our new resident moves into Number 2, we would like to give interested Ufford residents the opportunity to see the transformation that has been carried out.

The house will be open between **1.00pm and 6.00pm**, and a maximum of six residents at any one time will be permitted in. You will be asked to remove your shoes or to use plastic over shoes. No need to book, just pop along. The Trustees and Clerk will be on hand to describe the work that has been carried out and how the project has been managed.

Judi Hallett
Clerk to the Trustees of the Non-Ecclesiastical Charities

Bridge Road Potholes at Sink Farm Get a Makeover

Before ….

The trip along Bridge Road near the junction at Sink Farm on the way to Eyke from Ufford has just got a little less bumpy. Workmen for East Suffolk Council briefly closed the road on Tuesday 14th May to fill five deep potholes making journeys dangerous.

David Findley, Chair of the Parish Council. explained: "These potholes were large ones - four or five in total near the junction at Sink Farm. The holes were in about a five metre section and deeper than a tennis ball.

"The workmen had taken out sections about a metre by half a metre and were refilling these with a tarmac based material. The road was partially closed for a couple of hours."

He added: "One of the workmen jokingly asked if I was a local farmer!…. They said that the volume of traffic on the road and especially farm tractors and large equipment plus lorries had led to the holes becoming bigger quickly.

After

"As a cyclist I've certainly had to be very careful on this section of the road, so thankfully, now it's been fixed. However, it's essential that all of us as road users log potholes when we see them on the SCC Highways website."

Andy Gardner

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LOCAL HISTORY COMES ALIVE AT MELTON OLD CHURCH

Melton Old Church is giving visitors two opportunities to step inside the historic building in June when it opens its doors to the public. The church dates from at least 1146 when the first recorded Rector of Melton was William, son of Theodwine, though the discovery of a Saxon jet amulet in 1861 suggests a much earlier site.

The open afternoons are on the 2nd and the 30th of June from 2.00pm to 4.30pm with tea, coffee and cakes on offer. The church is situated off Lower Road on the way from Ufford to Melton next to the Old Mill House. At the event on the 30th June Mary Burgess, joint Melton Local History Recorder and part of the Woodbridge Museum Collections team and author Andy Pritchatt, who wrote the book "Ufford and the Great War," will be present.

Old Melton Church, which fell out of use when St Andrews Church was built nearby in the centre of Melton, is a centuries long snapshot of local history, including nine wooden World War One crosses hanging on the walls. These tell of heartache for families in the village, with three of them belonging to the Garrod family.

In 1982 the Melton Old Church Society took ownership of the church with the aim of preserving the building.

Wendy Colles and Mary Burgess

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Old Herbaceous Proves a Gardener's World Makes Gripping Theatre

It's a sure sign a live performance is going well in Ufford when the audience is a sea of nodding heads and murmurs of approval. It's even better - if a lot to hope for - when there are regular ripples of barely suppressed laughter. Ultimately, though, it's hard to think of a greater endorsement than an unrestrained cry of "Dahlias!" from deep in Row 4 at an emotionally overwhelming moment.

All these and an enthusiastic ovation were the response to Giles Shenton's hugely enjoyable one-man show *Old Herbaceous* at St Mary's Parish Hall in April. Given its heady blend of horticulture, comedy and nostalgia, it's fair to say that this play was always likely to go down well with an Ufford audience. But there are no guarantees in theatre, even 'round here.

So, full credit to Mr Shenton for capturing our attention from the outset and holding us spellbound for the duration of his reassuringly antiquated, always witty tale of head gardener Herbert Pinnegar, pottering around in his twilight years in the greenhouse of the manor-house garden where he worked man and boy.

Summoning up a rose-hued lost world of rural life, class hierarchy and seasonal fruit and veg, the play took us on ever-modest Pinnegar's journey from under-confident orphan to much-admired local horticulturalist and show judge. A man as capable of growing delicious strawberries in April as he was of - gasp! - exactly reproducing the exquisite blue morning glories his employer fell for while honeymooning on the Riviera. Along the way, we learnt how he acquired his nickname (the Old Herbaceous of the title) and - with a blush of unreciprocated ardour - about his long and admiring friendship with the lady of the house, Mrs Charteris. My, it was enough to make a tear brim on the driest eyelid in the house.

Following the success of *Into the Breach* last November, this was the second play brought to Ufford by Oooh Aaah Productions, comprising resplendently bow-tied local impresario Andy Gardner and his glamorous support team of Amanda Baker (challenging convention, as ever, in cocktail dress and wellies) and Sue Solomons.

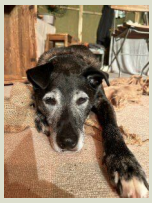
All attending were happy to see the crowd-pleasing formula that worked so well first-time round hadn't been tinkered with (ie something happening on stage, plenty of strong liquor and regular encouragement from our host for playgoers to enhance their evening with a trip to the bar). Special mention on this occasion must also go to the ambience-embellishing work of ivy-drapers Adam and Tig Thomas, and garden furniture and wheelbarrow curators Tony and Janet Slattery - all of which added enormously to the atmosphere in the hall and a very enjoyable evening.

We look forward to the next one.

Jed Leland

[Editor's Note: Keep Saturday 19th October free]

The Actor's View of the Ufford Crowd



Arriving at Ufford Parish Hall I was greeted by greenery framing the door and gardening items dotted around. Inside, all the chairs were set out and a bar was offering Old Herbaceous cocktails. I was confident that it was going to be a good evening. Sitting backstage, I could hear the Old Herb cocktails going down a treat. The performance flew by (as it always does) and judging by the reception at the end everyone seemed to enjoy the show. I noticed there were a couple of younger audience members and I hope this experience will be something they can look back on and perhaps say "It was Old Herbaceous that got me interested in theatre."

As a touring actor there are always the odd performances and venues that stand out for one reason or another. Ufford was definitely one of these and for all the right reasons, so a big thank you to you all.

I'm rather hoping that Ollie the dog and I can come back and do something else. Something fun for next summer. My one-man version of *Three Men in a Boat* perhaps?

Giles Shenton

Summer's Nearly Here, the Pub Marquees Are Up!

With both of our pubs looking forward to the al fresco dining season, we caught up with Andy and Polly

New Marquee at the White Lion

The White Lion's new marquee has been heralded as a huge leap forward by pub manager Andy Jarrett.

The rectangular tent is the same size as its predecessor but does not have any internal supports and so feels much bigger.

It has a ceiling liner, five windows and can seat up to 120 people. It was purchased from Highfield Events in Bury St Edmunds.

Andy said: "We are very excited and already have a number of big events booked for the summer season, such as the Ufford Summer Ball on the 22nd June."

At the Ufford Crown, their new marquee was purchased from Anglia Marquees and put up on the 23rd April by the supplier who will take it down and store it for them over the winter.

"At 9x6 metres the new marquee is a metre longer and we will be able to accommodate approximately 50 people for all our summer events, such as our popular Sunday 'Music in the Marquee' sessions from 4 to 7pm." Polly told us.

Polly added, "People are welcome to come and dine or have a drink any time. Tables outside and in the marquee are on a first come, first served basis but it's always handy to have an inside booking in case the weather changes."

Tony Hill

New Marquee at the Ufford Crown

The Strange World of the White Lion Quiz

Having moved to Suffolk almost five years ago I've come to enjoy and embrace 'village life'. It's a catch-all phrase that includes going to pubs, birdwatching, tolerating Morris Dancers, gossip, men with inappropriately long hair, folk music, Ipswich supporters and being classed an incomer rather than a local for at least ten years…and I love it.

I don't live in Ufford – sorry, LOWER Ufford – but am a regular visitor thanks to Andy Gardner, someone I have known for many years through work and who I may be slightly responsible for introducing to this part of the world. I can only apologise.

Through Andy I have been inveigled into LU society, most notably the strange world of the White Lion Quiz Night.

I'm no stranger to quizzes. I was the weak link in a family team on TV's Only Connect so I thought I'd do okay in what is a largely fun community activity. Little did I know.

For behind the baffling cryptic titles for each round lie even more baffling questions. Normally you'd expect to answer questions on sport or film or politics or music and, sometimes, you do.

However, the White Lion quiz setters have provided rounds on the hills of Suffolk, the boat builders of Woodbridge, goldfish and posh horses where we scored one point, doubling to two on our joker.

Talking of bad jokers, it would be easy to blame my team-mate as his general knowledge centres almost exclusively around Exeter City, crime and the right order in which to apply cream and jam to a scone.

Our wives have been helping us out occasionally but have sneakily managed to find reasons why they cannot make it – work commitments, Covid, dead badgers on the line at Melton etc – leaving me and Billy One-Mate competing with teams made up of 15 people each with a specialist knowledge of boatbuilders, the Queen's favourite nags, Ed Sheeran's inside leg measurement and so on.

Far be it for me to be critical, not least because it may well end in me being imprisoned in a giant Wicker Man, reciting the Lord's Prayer while various villagers prance around in Lederhosen while setting the structure alight.

But, hey, is it too much to ask for more questions on The Smiths, Spurs and Sun headlines to give a guy a chance. At least now you know what to expect the next time I set the questions.

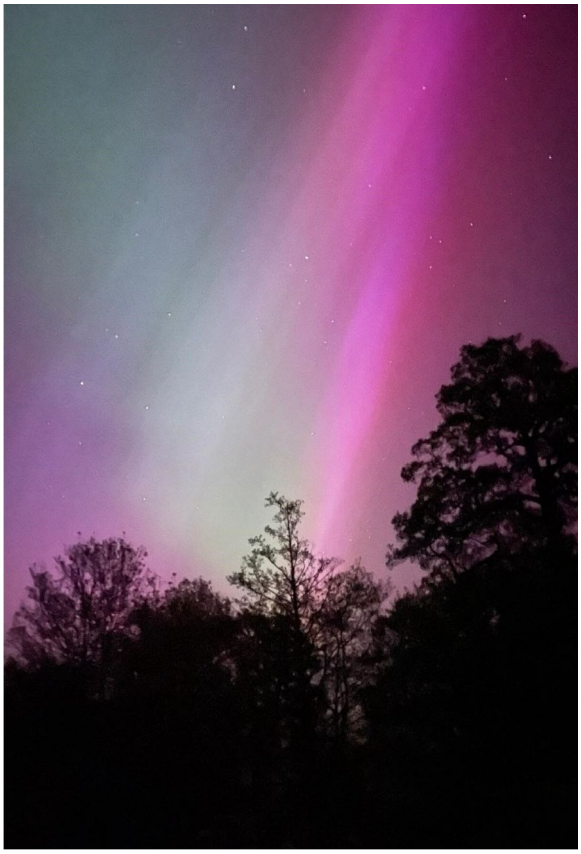
Mark Solomons

Oh What A Night... Aurora Spectacle

Photo by John Colles

The spectacular Aurora Borealis that seemed to engulf Ufford on the night of Friday 10th May was truly a once in a lifetime experience. There have been hints of the Northern Lights in the village skies before but nothing to compare to the light show that night. Vivid purples batted with orange and blue shimmering flashes to provide a free show that had many reaching for their camera phones.

We are printing a selection of snaps that capture nature at its most beautiful and unpredictable best. One of the images taken outside St Mary of the Assumption Church by Holly Baldock is reproduced on our front page. It has been digitised by Paula Hill, but other than that it is what Holly saw through her viewfinder.



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Kit's mother Tig said she was alerted by her oldest son Fabian, and his girlfriend, Eloise, who were returning from a night out in Ipswich.

She hurried to Ufford's Hole with son Kit and friend Ollie Dark who helped set the phones to the dimmest setting. Tig said: "The photos somehow found more than our eyes could and showed us a sky saturated with intense bands of colour, a Disney version of what we were seeing with the naked eye.

"We'd been to Iceland twice in the hope of seeing the lights, and never had any luck. Now we've seen them in our own village."

John Colles, who lives at the Orangery in Ufford Place, took a series of photos from the driveway of his home. He said: "It is rare to see an Aurora from the south of England and when we do it is normally very close to the Northern Horizon.

"However, a few weeks ago the Aurora came so far south you could see it overhead or even when looking towards the south."

Photo by John Colles

David Findley said: "I walked down to Hawkeswade bridge. I could see a green and mauve glow which at first I thought might be lights from Low Farm.

Photo by David Findley

"As I held my phone up to take a picture the green glow became stronger and I could see the stars in the dark purple sky. Quite a sight to see with the trees at the bridge silhouetted against the sky. Something I will remember for a long time."

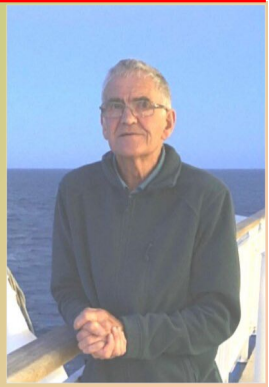
Andy Gardner

Delights Ufford

Photo by Holly Baldock

Photo by Tig Thomas

John Colles, Ufford's amateur weather expert who has provided the village with a detailed breakdown of rainfall over the last fifteen years amongst other meteorological insights, explains why the Northern Lights - or Aurora Borealis - that lit up the UK on Friday the 10th May was so special.



What causes an Aurora? Well it all starts on the sun, a huge rotating ball of hydrogen and helium.

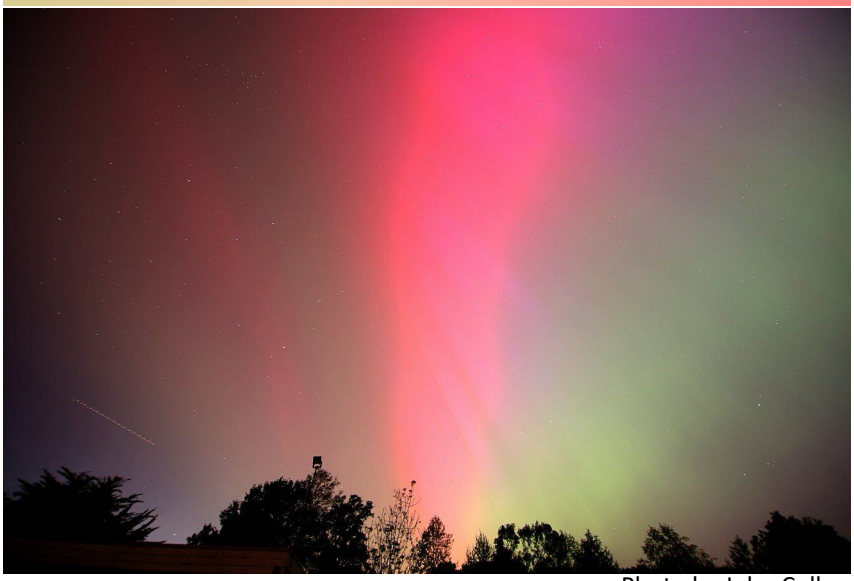
When you look at the sun (you must have proper protective filters) you often see small dark spots. These are huge explosions which throw streams of charged particles into space. It typically takes two days for some of these particles to reach the Earth.

When they arrive most of these particles are deflected away but some become captured by the Earth's magnetic field and accelerated down towards the North and South Poles. These particles then slam into atoms and molecules in the Earth's atmosphere and excite them much in the same way as Neon gas glows in a neon tube.

The lowest part of an Aurora is typically around eighty miles off the Earth's surface, however the top of a display may extend several thousands of miles above the Earth. Different gases give off different colours when they are excited. The two primary gases in the Earth's atmosphere are nitrogen or oxygen and these elements give off different colours during an aurora display.

The green we see in the Aurora is characteristic oxygen while hints of purple blue or pink are caused by nitrogen. We sometimes see a wonderful scarlet red colour and this is caused by very high altitude oxygen interacting with solar particles. This only occurs when the Aurora is particularly energetic.

The Aurora we had recently shows all these colours as you can see in the photos. But what made this night so special was that one of the strongest geomagnetic storms for years hit Earth, with the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) issuing a rare solar storm warning. Such storms increase people's chances of seeing the lights.



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NATURE NOTES by Christopher Reading

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NIGHTINGALES

According to the famous song from the 1940's "... a Nightingale sang in Berkeley Square." This was improbable at the time and well-nigh impossible now.

All you romantics out there have a much better chance of hearing the enchanting song of this summer visitor right here in our beautiful village. The Nightingale is not exciting to look at - a typical LBJ (Little Brown Job) - resembling a large Robin but with a pale breast. Not that you are likely to see one. They spend a lot of time on or near the ground in dense cover, favouring thickets and mature hedges. What they lack in looks, they more than make up for with their song, which is sublime. It comprises a series of rich, fluting notes delivered with gusto – once heard, never forgotten. The males sing at night until paired up, after which they sing at dusk and dawn. They arrive in the UK in April and depart for West Africa in late July or early August. So, now is a good time to hear them. My daughter, Helen, and son-in-law, Mike, have two birds singing near their garden.

Why not grab a bottle of bubbly and a couple of glasses, take your loved one by the hand – mindful not to drop the bottle– and take a stroll at twilight. Who knows? You might discover some "... magic abroad in the air."

Photo by John Richardson

Nature Knowledge - Moles may resemble mice and rats, but they are not rodents. They can bore a tunnel at a rate of fifteen feet an hour (five metres an hour). Although regarded as pests by gardeners and farmers, they can be a force for good - aerating the soil and improving drainage. They prefer to tunnel when the soil is moist, which is why molehills often appear after heavy rainfall.

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BOOK EXCHANGE UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT

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The much loved Ufford Book Exchange in Barrack Lane is now under new management. Tig Thomas, literary guru and scourge of the pub quizzes, together with relative newcomer to the village, Ruth Clark, have volunteered to keep an eye on the book shelves.

Tig has lived in Ufford for eighteen years, she and her husband Adam having moved here to be near his work (he now works in Birmingham but they've discovered it's impossible to leave Ufford). She is a children's fiction editor and out-of-control book collector, who is delighted to take on anything that involves being around books.

Having had holidays in Suffolk, Ruth and her husband Dave, both retirees from the London Fire Brigade, fell in love with the area and moved into the village in 2022. Ruth told the PUNCH "I am very happy to be taking care of it along with Tig. I am a very keen reader and never without a book. I think it is a great idea to be able to share a book you have enjoyed with others in the village, and to find a good read."

If anyone has books they wish to add to the book exchange but cannot get there, she is happy to collect them. Her email address is ruthclark673@gmail.com.

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Kit Quits Ufford for a Summer Euro Campervan Adventure

He will drive five thousand miles across Europe in a 2010 Ford Transit Van

Ufford resident Kit Thomas, 20, has got the travel bug. Having enjoyed the experience of five weeks in a camper van in New Zealand last year, it felt only right to spontaneously purchase (sober) his own van on Facebook for a couple of months touring Europe. Recent trips to the Peak District and Bawdsey have road tested the camper van in anticipation of the Alps and the Netherlands.

And what a beauty it is, not many vans come with their own electric fire and mantelpiece but Kit's does. It might be debatable whether it will be needed when the temperature hits 35°C in Naples but it's there if it does turn chilly. "I've bought a cool fan, so I'll be fine" Kit told me as he produced possibly the loudest and smallest model of its kind.

The trip to Europe is open-ended (must be under 90 days post Brexit) and fairly loosely planned but friends and family have promised to meet up in Switzerland, Slovenia, Italy and possibly Spain. A rough calculation has indicated over 5,000 miles may be covered on the tour and when completed will have tested the van and, as Kit said, probably his finances to the limit.

Linguistically Kit has a smattering of French, German and Italian, so that will not be a problem. A slight area of concern is the fact that he has no idea how his 2-litre engine works or the names of some of the parts. On the plus side though he has fitted his own radio, knows how to make sure the back right tyre doesn't "nearly fall off again" and has a set of jump leads and some shiny new tools.

Kit has his Eurotunnel ticket booked and will be leaving Ufford for Switzerland on 3rd June. The Punch will bring you updates and pictures as he travels across Europe. Have a happy and safe trip Kit.

Tony Hill

THE BOORNE LEGACY:
Super Food in the Pub's New Marquee

White Lion Chef Finn Boorne and Pub Manager Andy Jarrett celebrated a double first in April when they catered for a family event without White Lion owner Stephen Thurlow supervising - whilst using the pub's new marquee. Finn, 20, and his team provided a spread for eighty people in the afternoon of Saturday 27th April.

Our picture shows Finn admiring his handwork, which included prune and pork roulade, goat cheese tarts, prawn cocktail in a baby gem leaf, lamb strips with rosemary, onion and garlic, and vegan platters including spinach tart and stuffed mushrooms.

Andy Jarrett said: "It was a big day for us as it was the first time we had catered for a major event without Stephen supervising. It went really well and it was great to see the new marquee in use".

Andy Gardner

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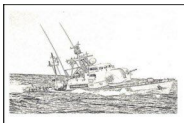

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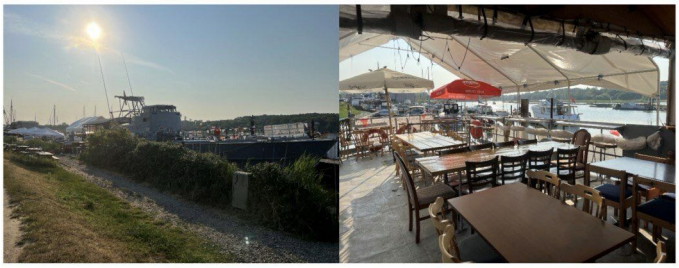

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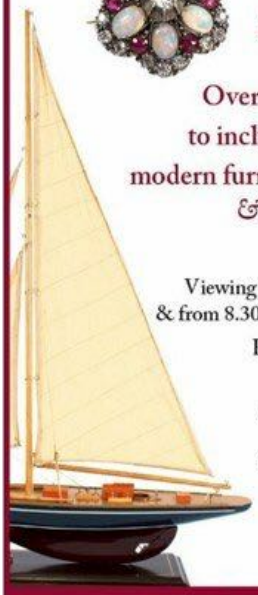

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June is a month of profusion with flowers bursting open and the productive garden in full flow.

By June it should be safe to say the last of the frosts are behind us although it would be pertinent to keep an eye on the night time temperatures and keep some fleece handy in case of any sudden drops. June is the month to enjoy the long days with extra light and warmth and never has it been more important to take a moment to enjoy your garden and the abundance you have created.

Jobs for the Ornamental Garden

- Be ruthless and thin out direct sown hardy annuals giving them more space to develop and produce bigger flowers for longer.
- Sow biennials such as wallflower, foxglove, honesty and sweet rocket now for early spring flowers next year.
- Deadhead delphinium and lupin as soon as they finish flowering to increase the chances of a second flush later in the summer.
- Keep weeding to ensure borders stay looking their best - a sharp hoe will make the job much quicker and almost effortless.
- Strong winds at this time of year can cause quite a bit of damage to taller perennials, so it's essential to keep staking and tying them in to help prevent damage, especially with vulnerable plants such as delphiniums, peonies and chrysanthemums.
- Deadhead roses as often as you can now they're flowering at full tilt. Snip off their browning heads to a bud or leaf below. Rambling and climbing roses will be growing rapidly so tie them in regularly as close to the horizontal as possible.
- Summer rainfall is rarely enough to keep compost moist in containers, so warm weather means daily watering of pots and hanging baskets. If already dry, rehydrate the compost by plunging the whole thing in water for an hour or so.

Jobs for the Edible Garden

- Plant cucumbers, tomatoes and beans out into the garden watering them in well and tie gently into their supports.
- Sow Florence fennel now, so it is bulbing as we enter autumn and the cooler, more dewy months of September and October which should prevent it from bolting.
- Continue with successional sowings of radishes, lettuce and salad leaves.
- Thin out the swelling fruit on trees to prevent broken branches and help the remaining fruit grow all the larger.
- If not already done, cover fruit trees and bushes with netting to help protect from birds.

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Musician Tom Mumford Making a Song and Dance Raising Funds to Beat Diabetes

Some of you may know me from the White Lion Open Mic, but if you don't…my name is Tom Mumford and I'm 19.

On the 23rd of June I am going to be hosting a JDRF fundraiser at The 1975 Wine Bar in Woodbridge.

JDRF (Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund) is a cause that is close to me and The 1975 Wine Bar. I have had Type 1 diabetes since I was 19 months old and Clare, the owner and founder of 1975, has two teenage boys living with it.

To live with Type 1 is unwillingly to take on an extra 24 hour shift on top of everyday life. It's not being able to walk 500 yards without taking enough supplies to look like you're heading to the airport on holiday. There are no breaks, no rest days for a Type 1 diabetic or a parent with a Type 1 child. It's a tough and in many ways misunderstood condition.

Type 1 diabetes, if poorly controlled, can have negative impacts on every aspect of a person's health. Eye damage, nerve damage, heart disease…the list goes on. That's why it is so essential to control Type 1 diabetes the best you can. Controlled blood sugar levels drastically reduce your chances of developing any conditions on that cheery list above.

I am grateful for medical advancements. Many Type 1 diabetics now use insulin pumps that allow them to read their blood sugar levels and give insulin doses with ease. The newest pumps can automatically adjust insulin doses to correct blood sugar levels - this is especially beneficial at night, allowing many Type 1 diabetics to get more nights of quality sleep than ever before.

Despite these advancements, it still remains a relentless and tiresome condition that requires 24/7 thought and consideration. There's a lot of work to be done and that is why we are organising this event.

Diabetes Type 1 and Type 2 arise from different causes:

In **Diabetes Type 1** the pancreas does not make insulin, because the body's immune system attacks the islet cells in the pancreas that make insulin.

In **Diabetes Type 2** the pancreas makes less insulin than it used to, and your body becomes resistant to insulin.

If you would like to buy a ticket and support that would be great. The event will be on the 23rd of June from 1-5pm at The 1975 Wine Bar in Woodbridge. There will be live music from myself and others, drinks, food and a raffle. If you can't make it and would still like to contribute there is a go-fund-me link below.

All support is much appreciated.

Tom Mumford

https://gofund.me/8393e3ab

UFFORD DIARY DATES FOR JUNE

EVENTS

2nd June (Sun)	Melton Old Church - Open Afternoon with tea and cake 2.00pm to 4.30pm	
3rd June (Mon)	Friends of Parklands Wood - Working Party 9.00am	UCH
5th June (Wed)	Ufford Gardening Club - Members' Open Gardens 6.00pm	
9th June (Sun)	Ufford to Sennen MND Charity Cycle Ride Starts - Ufford Crown 9.00am	
9th June (Sun)	St Elizabeth Hospice Ufford Open Gardens 1.00pm to 5.30pm	
11th June (Tue)	Melton Primary School Open Morning 9.30am to 11.30am	
11th June (Tue)	White Lion Quiz Night - Food from 7.00pm, Quiz at 8.00pm	
12th June (Wed)	Ufford Coffee Morning 10.00am to 12.00 noon	UCH
17th June (Mon)	Friends of Parklands Wood - Working Party 9.00am	UCH
18th June (Tue)	Ufford Parish Council - Meeting 7.00pm	SMPH
18th June (Tue)	Ufford Art History Group - Visit to Milden Hall	
20th June (Thu)	White Lion Open Mic Night 7.00pm	
22nd June (Sat)	Ufford Summer Ball - White Lion 6.00pm	
23rd June (Sun)	Juvenile Diabetes Research Fundraiser - The 1975 Wine Bar 1.00—5.00pm	
25th June (Tue)	Ufford Charities Almshouses Open Day	
25th June (Tue)	White Lion Quiz Night - Food from 7.00pm, Quiz at 8.00pm	
26th June (Wed)	Ufford Gardening Club - Visit to Green Island Gardens, Ardleigh	
30th June (Sun)	Melton Old Church - Open Afternoon with tea and cake 2.00pm to 4.30pm	

CLASSES AND CLUBS

Tai Chi Classes	Mondays at 2.15pm	UCH
Tennis Club	Monday and Friday from 5.00pm	UCH
Boules	Tuesdays at 2.00pm	UCH
Happy Babies	Thursdays 09.30am to 10.30am and 10.45am to 11.45am	UCH

BRIDGE CLUBS

Ufford Friendly Bridge Club

Mondays 6.30pm **UCH**

U2 Bridge Club

Wednesday 5th & 19th June - 1.45pm **UCH**

WHERE?

SMPH	**St Mary's Parish Hall**
UCH	**Ufford Community Hall**

The PUNCH Directory

Schedule of events and classes are on the diary dates above

Boules (by tennis court - UCH)
2pm Tuesdays—(Summer)

Bridge Classes
Mike Fisher
www.mikefisherbridge.com

Carpet Bowls
Di Fulcher 01394 460551

Community Hall
Bookings.uch@gmail.com

Cycle Club
Stephen Thurlow 01394 460770

Deben Probus Club
John Hickling 01728 746322
johnhickling@uwclub.net

Friends of Ufford Woods
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U2 Bridge Club
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Ufford Art History Group
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Ufford Arts Festival
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Ufford Gardening Club
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Ufford Players Theatre
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Ufford Tai-Chi
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Ufford Gardening Club Learns about Primula Auriculas

Luci Green

In April we again welcomed the horticulturalist, Luci Green, to talk about one of her specialist plants Primula Auriculas.

Primulas in general are usually the first flowers of spring and there are at least five hundred species mainly from the northern hemisphere. Our native primula relation is the Cowslip.

Auricula Primulas are one of the specialties at Woottens of Wenhaston where Luci was recently a director and are well known to be one of those plants that promote obsessive collecting despite their reputation for being "difficult" and requiring very particular conditions to flourish. Woottens tend to have long waiting lists for each example they breed and there are now six thousand different cultivars bred from three original species found in their natural habitat of cool high mountain crevices with little soil. Auricula means 'Little Bears Ears' referring to their shape.

Examples today are the result of four hundred years of strict rules of breeding. Collections and documentation began in fifteenth century Germany. Later Flemish weavers brought Auriculas to England and demand became similar to 'Tulip Mania' with breeding becoming competitive.

During the Victorian era shows and exhibitions of elaborate 'Auricula Theatres' (a kind of moveable, stacked display case for prized examples that can be moved around to keep specimens facing north or east away from damaging sun) became popular and these continue today. Over the last fifty years interest has grown enormously.

There is now a very active National Auricula and Primula society that promotes the species and organises shows all over the country, their guide to competitors has a mind boggling twenty pages of rules and standards for showing which is enough to roundly put off the faint hearted, however the sheer beauty and variety of the species can seduce those patient enough to accept the challenge and after a few early successes with these tricky plants the infatuation might just kick in.

Ros Conway

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As I write this, I'm sat in my study looking out at blue skies with a light breeze, perfect for being able to turn one's mind to the task at hand.

Tasks seem to fill up our days with either getting up and getting ready for work or getting the children ready for school, walking the dog, thinking about what's for lunch, supper or tea and just thinking about all of those little jobs in life that need to get done. Our lives can be cluttered with tasks and other such demands as perhaps take us away from being able to just have a moment, a moment to think and a moment to reflect.

I believe that each day is a gift from God and all of us are a gift from God to one another and it's what makes us a community.

I have been Rector of Melton and Ufford for nearly nine years and what I have always found is a great sense of community and a great sense of supporting and helping one another. During this Easter season we have been turning our attention to John's gospel, particularly to the middle section of the gospel where John talks about love and how we are all intertwined together in that love, that love of God in Jesus Christ.

So, all of our tasks, all of our demands, all of the clutter and all of those little tasks and little things, as we do them, let us remember that, whatever we believe to be true, if we do them with and in and for love for one another then perhaps the task becomes less of a burden and more of the living stones that build a community.

With my love and prayers

Father Paul

Worship at Ufford & Melton

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June

Sun 2nd TRINITY 1
08.00 am Holy Communion BCP at Melton
10.00 am Parish Eucharist at Ufford with Baptism
10.00 am Morning Worship at Melton

Sun 9th TRINITY 2
08.00am Holy Communion BCP at Ufford
10.00 Eucharist at Melton

Sun 16th TRINITY 3
10.00 am BENEFICE Parish Eucharist at Ufford with BISHOP MARTIN
Followed by Lunch in the Parish Hall

Sun 23rd TRINITY 4
08.00 Holy Communion BCP at Ufford
10.00am Parish Eucharist at Ufford with Baptism
10.00 Eucharist at Melton

Sun 30th TRINITY 5
10.00 am Benefice Eucharist at Melton

Please check the church website for updates

LIVE CHURCH CALENDAR

www.uffordchurch.org

Food Bank - donations welcome to the 'Little Pantry 'at St Andrew's Church, Melton and Collection Box at Ufford Church.

Thank you. **Jenny Searle**

BISHOP MARTIN (Bishop of St. Edmundsbury & Ipswich) IS VISITING ST. MARY'S UFFORD

SUNDAY 16TH JUNE 10:00am PARISH EUCHARIST

LUNCH AFTERWARDS IN ST. MARYS PARISH HALL

Please sign up in the church if you would like to come to lunch so that we know numbers

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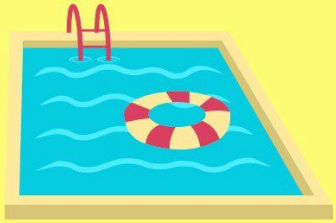
THIS QUIZ IS FOR OUR SLIGHTLY OLDER KIDS AND IS ALL ABOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE
THE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS CAN BE FOUND IN THE WORD SEARCH ABOVE

1 WHAT IS PUT IN YOUR DRINKS TO KEEP YOU COOL IN JUNE? (3)
2 WHAT FAMOUS BAND IS HEADLINING GLASTONBURY ON 29TH JUNE? (8)
3 WHICH QUEEN WAS CORONATED ON 2ND JUNE 1953? (9)
4 WHAT WAS THE SURNAME OF THE PRIME MINISTER IN JUNE 1944? (9)
5 LOOK OUT FOR A RAINBOW IN JUNE, WHAT COLOUR IS AT THE TOP OF THE RAINBOW? (3)
6 . . . . MUSK, FAMOUS FOR THE TESLA CAR WAS BORN IN JUNE (4)
7 EVERY JUNE AT SNAPE MALTINGS THE . . . . . FESTIVAL TAKES PLACE (9)
8 A STRAWBERRY . . . . COULD BE SEEN ON THE 21ST JUNE (4)
9 THE SUMMER . . . . . HAPPENS THIS YEAR ON THE 20TH JUNE (8)
10 LOTS OF CRICKET GETS PLAYED IN JUNE, WHO TELLS YOU IF YOU ARE OUT? (6)
11 WHAT BIRD MIGHT YOU HEAR ON A JUNE NIGHT IN UFFORD? (11)
12 WHAT IMPORTANT EVENT HAPPENED ON 6TH JUNE 1944? (1,3)
13 WHICH SINGER WITH THE SURNAME GRANDE HAS HER BIRTHDAY IN JUNE? (6)
14 AT WHICH RACECOURSE IS THE DERBY RUN ON THE 1ST JUNE? (5)

NOW TAKE THE FIRST LETTER OF EACH ANSWER AND IT WILL SPELL OUT SOMETHING THAT IS REALLY NICE TO HAVE ON A HOT JUNE DAY (3,5,6)



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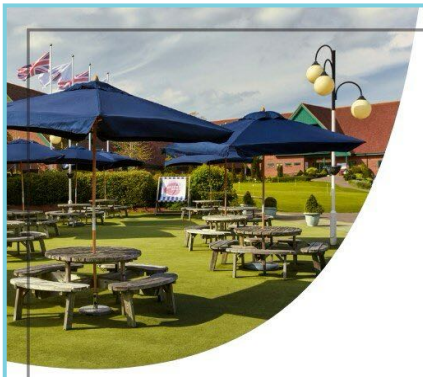

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